Purchasing of nuclear reactors

1402. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount to be paid by Government for purchasing nuclear reactors from USA;

(b) whether Government turned down the offer of Russian Government to sell its reactors at cheaper rates; and

(c) the reasons for preferring US nuclear reactors over Russian reactors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) It is too early to define the amount to be paid for purchasing nuclear reactors from USA.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

CISF in coalfields of Chhindwara

†1403. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was called to prevent theft in Pench and Kanhan coalfields of Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh in the recent past;

(b) the details of the cases of coal theft detected by the CISF;

(c) whether the CISF is still working to check the occurrences of coal theft and its illegal transportation;

(d) whether CISF has been withdrawn from there; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) In Pench Area of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh CISF has been deployed w.e.f. 16.10.2007 to check theft and pilferage of coal. However, in Kanhan Area, no CISF personnel have been deployed so far.

(b) The details of the cases of coal theft detected by the CISF in Pench Area are given below:—

Sl. No.	Date	Name of Mine	Coal seized (Tonnes)	Value of coal seized (Rs.)	FIR No. and date	No. of persons arrested	Remarks
1	9.12.07	Vishnupuri-II Pench Area	11.630	21,885	526/07 and 528/07 dated 12.12.07.	03	Extra coal seized at the time of re-weighment of the truck
2.	2.3.08	Pench East, Pench Area	18.110	25,000	105/08 dated 3.3.08	01	Coal loaded truck was caught without gate-pass
	TOTAL		29.740	46,885		04	

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